



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 20, 2016

18:30-20:00

HUB Office

1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Dasha, Stan, Dan, Lisa, Leslie (minutes), Jill, Clark, Kay, Laura, Anthony, Will, Stuart, Arno.

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: Approved with the following additions: AGM recap; People, Parks and Dogs; Bike the Night recap.
3. Minutes from July 2016 meeting: Approved. Note that there was no August meeting.

Key Action Items outstanding from July meeting		
1	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 to have them addressed by the City. (Note the Bike Vancouver email has been disabled.) Ongoing
2	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our Committee web page. Ongoing
3	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The committee needs more people in leadership roles in communications (committee newsletter/social media/emails) & other areas. Please talk to Jeff or email us at Vancouver@BikeHUB.ca if interested
4	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• King Edward assessment ride report – completed and sent to City. Completed
5	<i>Jordon</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main Street Assessment ride. Ongoing
6	<i>Anthony</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seaside Greenside – Letter sent to Park Board and Council based on ride report. Completed

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
 - See issues on your bike route? Call 311. You can also add to bikemaps.org
 - Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee and a link to our [committee wiki](#) that has previous meeting minutes and other documents
 - Several new consultations this month – see below.
 - We expect there to be a City Council Meeting focused on Transportation in December – it is time now to prepare for our positions on and responses to any active transportation issues tabled there.

- Bike the Night – well attended (~700 people), with lots of positive feedback. Suggestions for next year: should be some sort of wrap up event so people don't drift away after the ride, and better community notification. Some discussion around timing of the event – alternative would be to hold it during the late spring?

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). • King Edward report completed. • Next possible ride: Powell Corridor (with Gore St) or Commercial Drive? Should also do a follow up to SW Marine Dr after the first phase of repaving. Also a Stanley Park Causeway follow up ride 	Jeff: follow up with interested committee members with possible dates for upcoming rides.
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. • Campaign ongoing for this section. Recently gained valuable input from a neighbourhood meeting. • There is an ongoing petition on change.org - https://www.change.org/p/mayor-council-make-vancouver-s-point-grey-cornwall-corridor-safe-for-cycling-walking You do need to sign in, OR you can email ellie@bikehub.ca if you would like to provide comments on the petition. Some noted they had had issues in using the website. • There are discussion going on re how to handle the conflict zone at Balsalm and Cornwall. • There has been a letter from David Hay (lawyer) to Mayor and Council and the Park Board, regarding the risks in this area. A copy is on our wiki. 	Lisa: follow up with Ellie with issues on change.org
Destination Streets (Jeff for Jordon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This working group is advocating for infrastructure along the streets with a high concentration of businesses and shops, and working with businesses & business associations who often have concerns about bike lanes without knowing all the facts. • No updates on Main St. this month • Commercial Drive – intercept surveys reported to have started along Commercial Drive in August. • Expect public consultation in October or November re Complete Street plan for Commercial Dr. 	Jeff: watch for announcements of consultations re Commercial Drive
Arbutus Greenway (Stan & Dan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. • High level vision (community and biking) of Arbutus Greenway letter sent to councilors, and posted to our wiki. The working group is promoting sufficient 	Jeff: talk to Erin regarding getting HUB's position(s) out to membership.

	<p>width for safety and comfort. The temporary paved shared path could be similar to the final design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of temporary path paused for consultation on path surfacing material (pavement vs gravel) Five public consultations scheduled for the next week. • Formal consultation for permanent path starts in December. • HUB position – hard surfacing is preferred. • Note that we should try to get HUB's positions on various current consultations out to the membership. 	
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6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights:
 - o Removal of Viaducts – small focus design workshops starting next week. HUB has been invited to participate in a 'Great Streets' workshop on design of these new streets.
 - o 10th Ave Bike Route – no new information; possible announcement in December
 - o Oak & Seventh, and Ontario & 16th – no action.
 - o Burrard and Pacific – construction ongoing. Bike lane on Burrard south to 7th Ave bike route installed.
 - o People/Parks/Dogs – focus group of various stakeholders met recently, with open houses ongoing. HUB has a limited stake in this. If you want to provide an opinion, see: vancouver.ca/people-parks-dogs or speak to Anthony, who is representing us

7. Bike Share Working Group (Jeff)

See: <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/public-bike-share-system.aspx>

- There has been public pushback on some locations of possible bike share stations.
- Eleven new stations were recently approved by the Parks Board, great to see this progress
- HUB will continue conversations with MOBI on locations where issues have arisen.
- Usage about 2 ½-3 per bike per day which is considered very good for a bike share program in its early stages.

8. Communications (Jeff)

- Strathcona Business Improvement Association (BIA) approached HUB about working with them to develop an active transportation plan for their members. Good to see a BIA interested in this. Clark willing to help. Jeff has contact details.
- HUB has recently had two meetings with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD), and a discussion on helmet enforcement during BtWW. VPD have focused on enforcement at specific stop signs, and are reportedly responding to complaints received by the City. We believe they should be focusing on safety and education of both drivers and cyclists, and more on actions that create risk. We were contacted by and will meet with the Target Enforcement Team to understand each other's position and priorities.
- Letter submitted to Park Board regarding connections to the south end of the Stanley Park Causeway – the MOTI paths along the causeway dump users onto an unprotected lane on Georgia St. Requested Park Board complete marking of paths through to Coal Harbour seawall entrance to the park, consistent with the approved Stanley Park Cycling Plan. Will follow up with Park Board commissioners (use the individual's email address)

- Transportation 2040 stakeholder updates scheduled for this fall (3 meetings). First meeting topics include MOBI, Arbutus Greenway and the public space at 800 Robson St.

9. Car Free Spaces (Lisa)

- City consultations on now re a permanent public plaza at 800 Robson St. The City is looking at creating more public plazas. These are traditionally called pedestrian plazas, but we think it's important to communicate both our desire for great public plazas & car free spaces in Vancouver, and the need to allow slow cycling through these spaces for as much of the time as possible. 800 Robson can be closed to motor vehicle traffic and, with good design & signage, people can continue to bike through the plaza slowly most of the time rather than being forced to dismount 24/7 365 days/year on one of the safest east west connections downtown. There are multiple ways to communicate your interest in this issue to the City, by October 2, at this link: <http://vancouver.ca/news-calendar/VIVARobson-launches-consultation-on-vancouvers-future-public-plaza-at-800-robson-street.aspx>.
- Bute and Davie St (Jim Deva Plaza) – new car free space; cyclists were to be allowed to cycle through slowly but there have been some complaints.
- Yukon and 17th – new car free space/park. There is a cycle path right through the park as part of the design.

10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa)

- Advises city council and city staff on active transportation issues. Meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend: <http://vancouver.ca/your-government/active-transportation-policy-council.aspx>
- Pushing for research on how to move people through car free spaces.
- Next meeting 28 September.

11. HUB Board Meeting (Jeff)

- AGM last Saturday. Two from the Vancouver committee represented on the Board. (Jeff and Stuart), four new directors
- There will be a Board strategy meeting in the next few weeks.

12. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- Current project with the Ministry (MoTI) - Cycling Connections Project – evaluate connections between municipalities. This builds on our #ungapthemap work.
- Massey Tunnel Replacement Project – meetings to determine a route along the corridor proceeding with HUB, MoTI, Delta, Richmond, and Translink.

13. UBC/Bike Co-op Update (Anthony/Kay/Connor)

- No report

14. “Streets for Everyone” /Complete Streets Liaison (Jordon)

- No report

15. Other Business:

- ProBike/ProWalk: About 1300 attendees, with lots of enthusiasm. City led workshops highlighted positive contributions in Vancouver.
- MP from the Parksville area is introducing a National Cycling Strategy private members bill this week in Ottawa.

Meeting adjourned at 20:05.

Next meeting: 18 October 2016.

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc